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REMARKS

In an Office Action dated 25 July 2005, the Examiner rejected claims 4 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph and claims 1 - 12 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,571,245 issued to Huang. Applicants have amended claims 1 - 12 and presents the following remarks in support of patentability.

The Examiner rejected claims 4 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, noting that the use of the phrase "such as" renders these claims indefinite and the use of the limitation "said directory" lacks antecedent basis. Applicants have amended claims 4, 9, and 10 to correct these noted errors and believes that claims 4 and 10 are now allowable under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

The Examiner rejected claims 1 - 12 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,571,245 issued to Huang, noting with respect thereto:

Huang discloses all the elements and steps of independent claims 1 and 7, including a unified messaging system (virtual desktop) that serves to interconnect a subscriber with a plurality of messaging services to which they subscribe (Figure 4), comprising: means for providing said subscriber with a single point of access (Figure 4, 410); and means for sharing personal address book and calendaring applications among said plurality of messaging services (Figure 3 and column 13, lines 23 to 30).

Applicants have reviewed the cited Huang Patent, the Examiner's clearly stated grounds for rejection, has amended claims 1 - 12, and presents the following remarks in support of patentability.

The cited Huang Patent in Figure 2 discloses a computer network 200 of servers that provide the user with a virtual desktop, regardless of the user's location. The computer network 200 of servers is coupled to the Internet 220 and functions to provide users with a virtual desktop in a virtual computing environment (column 4, lines 18 - 30). The user accesses the computer network 200 of servers via a URL interface, then receives a personal WEB page, representing a virtual desktop of the user, through which the user can access several proprietary backend servers to activate applications, retrieve and modify files, etc. The benefit of this architecture is that the user can access the same files and applications located on the proprietary servers from anywhere, as noted in column 5, lines 25 - 34:

The invention provides a virtual desktop in a virtual computing environment such that a user sees the same desktop and has access to the same applications, files, and amenities independent of the particular computer system on which the access is gained. The user is also provided with tools that allow a user to customize the desktop to whatever configuration the user finds preferable. The virtual desktop is provided through a web browser, or similar applications, that interfaces the user with a backend server on a network such as the Internet.

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Thus, the Huang virtual desktop provides a user with consistent access to a centrally managed set of files and applications that execute on a centrally located proprietary network of servers.

In contrast, Applicant's unified messaging system provides a wireless subscriber with the ability to login with a single service provider and then move seamlessly among the allowed independently operable messaging services to share personal address book and calendaring applications. The subscriber logs into the single service provider from either the wireless station set interface or from the WEB user interface using a laptop or personal computer to access an AnyPath Web server. Once the subscriber has signed on to the AnyPath Web server, the subscriber's account information is accessed in a centralized profile for all of the independently operable messaging services (Short Message Service (SMS), unified messaging, voice-mail messaging) using a single directory server and integrated address book and calendar services. The cited Huang Patent fails to address the use of a single service provider to access a plurality of independently operable messaging systems, since it is limited to the use of a proprietary network of servers that present the user with a uniform desktop regardless of the user's point of access. Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 7 in order to more precisely articulate these differences. Applicant believes that claims 1-12 are allowable under 35 U.S.C. §102(e).

In view of the above amendments to claims 1-12 and the presented remarks, Applicants believe the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Applicants believe no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-1848, under Order No. 013436.0279PTUS from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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